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PATENT
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:	Patent Application of Donald L. Siegel	: Group Art Unit: 1648 : : :
Appln. No.:	09/407,182	: Examiner: Timothy M. Brown : :
Filed:	September 29, 1999	: Attorney Docket : :
For:	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTION OF ANTIBODY BINDING TO CELLS	: No. 053893-5009-01 (DI1) : :

AMENDMENT

This Amendment responds to the Final Office Action mailed on November 16, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned patent application. As discussed herein, the finality of this Office Action has since been withdrawn by the Examiner.

This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for a two (2) month extension of time, and associated fee, which extends the time for response to the November 16, 2004, Office Action to and through April 18, 2005 (as April 16, 2005, and April 17, 2005, are a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively).

Please amend the application as follows: